

Below is a translation of the confession of Afghan Second Lieutenant Abdul Saboor, 21, who allegedly killed four French troops in an attack Jan. 20, 2012, in Kapisa province. The document, leaked to McClatchy Newspapers, was described as a report of Saboor's initial interrogation. An Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman confirmed that Saboor was the shooter but declined to discuss the contents of the document.

The translation follows:

At 9:40 on 20 January 2012, a lieutenant of the supportive battalion of the third brigade of 3rd corp by the name of Abdul Saboor, son of Mohammad Noor, who is the resident of Chino Ghondai of Musahi district of Kabul province, registration number 158A561, nationality Pashtun, age 21, who was equipped with gun type M249, opened fire on French soldiers in camp 46 which resulted the death of a number of French soldiers and wounded some others. Saboor wanted to escape from the area but was arrested by the said battalion personal. He had been recruited on 2 April 2011 by a recruiter from Maidan Wardak and introduced to the training center. He explains his enrolment in the ANA as follows:

This confession is taken from Saboor which is as follows:

I got to know two years ago that people are recruited from “Sar-e-Chauk” (a famous square in Kabul) to ANA. I went to Sar-e-Chauk and I was asked by a recruiter from Maidan Wardak if I wanted to be recruited to ANA. I said yes, but I don’t have documents or my ID (Tazkera). He told me if I paid him money, he would prepare the documents for me. I had 500 Afs and I gave it to the recruiter. He took me to a hotel nearby and then brought me the documents. He also used my fingerprints on papers where the guarantors were supposed to put their fingerprints. The documents were ready and then I was transferred to the training center. After completing training I was employed in the sixth battalion of fourth brigade of 203 Tander corp. I served there for eight months then I fled and went to Peshawar in Pakistan. I spent some time in Pakistan, then came back to Kabul. I wanted to rejoin the Afghan National Army so I went again to Sar-e-Chauk. I saw the same recruiter there and he said to me: what are you doing here? I told him I got bored in corp 203 so I fled. Now I want to rejoin again. He said to me that if I had money, he could prepare the documents again. I had 800 Afs with me and gave it to recruiter. He took me to same hotel which he took me the first time. He prepared the documents and introduced me to training center and CFC. I was appointed and deployed to Tagab base in third brigade of 201 corp on 8 December 2011.